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James Wells, Director  
Department of Pesticide Regulation  
1020 N Street., Room 100  
Sacramento, California 95814

Dear Mr. Wells:

This letter requests the position of the Department of Pesticide Regulation regarding the inclusion of specific pesticides on the list of "Parameters of Concern" as criteria for selecting project proposals for ecosystem restoration under the CALFED Bay-Delta Water Quality Program.

The proposed parameters are substances, including pesticides regulated by the department, which can degrade the water quality of the Bay-Delta. Among these pesticides are carbofuran, chlorpyrifos, and diazinon.

At the December 3, 1997 meeting of the "Parameter Assessment Team" of the CALFED Bay-Delta Program Water Quality Program, held in Sacramento, Mr. Stephen D. Murrill, representing the Water Quality Task Force of the Western Crop Protection Association, requested deletions from the list of parameters of concern. In particular, he identified the three pesticides specified above as examples of "parameters" to be deleted from the list. Using Mr. Murrill's argument, all specified pesticides could be subject to deletion.

I have been advised that the department agrees with and supports the effort to delete these three pesticides from the list of parameters of concern and may support the deletion of more specified pesticides from the list. Since the department did not offer its position on this matter at the December 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting, I am asking you to express the department's position in a response to this letter.

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The establishment of parameters of concern that include an emphasis on individual pesticides that have and can continue to degrade water quality is a vital step toward successfully plotting the course for ecosystem restoration in the Bay-Delta. The department's clear position on the matter of including particular pesticides as parameters of concern is important to me and to all who strive for the restoration of the Bay-Delta's ecosystem.

Sincerely,



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